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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99F-4694]

Rohm and Haas Co.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Rohm and Haas Co. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one as an antimicrobial additive for adhesives, paper additives, and paper coatings that are intended to contact food.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 0B4699) has been filed by Rohm and Haas Co., 100 Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106. The petition proposes to amend the food additive

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regulations in § 175.105 <u>Adhesives</u> (21 CFR 175.105) and § 176.170 <u>Components of paper and paperboard in contact with aqueous and fatty foods</u> (21 CFR 176.170) to provide for the safe use of 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one as an antimicrobial additive for adhesives, paper additives, and paper coatings that are intended to contact food.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(q) that this action is of a type that does not individually or cumulatively have a

significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Dated

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